10. Madhya Pradesh	2	2	
11. Maharashtra	5	—	
12. Manipur	5	5	
13. Meghalaya	—	10	
14. Orissa	5	—	Priority allotment of house sites
15. Punjab	—	8	
16. Rajasthan	2	10	
17. Sikkim	5	—	
18. Tamil Nadu	7.5	7.5	
19. Uttar Pradesh	3	3	
20. West Bangal	5	5	
21. Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	
22. Assam	—	—	
23. Mizoram	—	—	
24. Nagaland	—	—	
25. Tripura	—	—	
26. Chandigarh	6	—	
27. Delhi	1	—	
28. Pondicherry	3	3	
29. A & N Island	—	—	

Defence purchases from Russia

4270. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Economic Times dated 11th August, 1993 the caption Defence purchases from Russia to be whittled down; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the alternative arrangements that Government propose to make in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The considerable changes taking place in the Russian Federation are being observed closely by Government in the context of continuing bilateral Defence Cooperation arrangements. Government are maintaining continuous contact with the Russian authorities to ensure smooth flow of supplies. Simultaneously, Government are pursuing measures to meet requirements from other sources abroad and through enhancement of indigenous production capabilities.

Induction of German Tank into Army

4271. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to induct German manufactured main battle tanks the various versions of which have been rejected in technical trials;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently the design of the power pack has been sealed virtually closing the possibility of rejecting the MBT as unsuitable; and

(c) if so, what are the considerations for inducting the MBT which is technically unsuitable for the needs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no proposal to induct any German manufactured tank into Army and no trials have been carried out on any version of such tank. However, trials on indigenous main battle tank (MBT) ARJUN have recently been successfully carried out.

(b) and (c) The configuration of MBT ARJUN, including the powerpack has been finalised and the technology transfer is progressing. Army has given acceptance for induction of ARJUN tank on the basis of excellent